(a) whether some special arrangments for entrepreneures of scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been made by the Union Government/Various agencies of the Union Government like Khadi Gramodyog Commission to set up small scale industries in backward areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN) (a) and (b) As far as KVI sector is concerned, some of its activities,such as village leather, non-edible oil;, seed collection, bee-keeping, fibre woollen khadi, weaving tassar silk etc. primarily benefit Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. KVIC relatively pays more attention to hilly, border, backward, remote and inaccessible areas and has its regional offices in these areas to cater to the needs of hills and backward areas. KVIC is taking up special programmes in selected districts of the country with sizeable population of SC/ST.

Some of the specific steps include provision for 65% grant and 35% loan for purchase of machinery and equipment and 50% garant and 50% loan for construction of building, workshed, godown etc. for institutions having 100% SC/ST or working exclusively for SC/ST.

[*English*]

Declaration of Delhi as 'No industry Zone'

6703. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi has been declared a 'No Industry Zone ';

(b) if so, when was that decision taken;

(c) whether attention has been drawn to the advertisements appearing in the Hindustan Times of August 18, 1991 regarding setting up of industries in Delhi by some private entrepreneurs;

(d) the steps taken to see that these industries do not come up in Delhi but are persuaded to go to rural areas; and

(e) if not , reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the Delhi Administration in the recent past has taken some steps to discourage multiplication of industrial units which are as follows:- (i) A decision was taken in 1987 that no Licence for setting up of medium and large scale industries in Delhi should be issued. Only non-plluting small scale industries are to be permitted. (ii) In 1989, a ceiling of 88 HP in small scale sector was imposed for the purpose of registration. (iii) Also in 1989, a decision was taken not to set up any new industrial Areas/Estates. (iv) In the non-conforming areas,SSI registration of hazardous/obnoxious/pollutant industries is not allowed.

(c) to (e). With regard to the two advertisements which appeared in the Hindustan Times on 18th August, 1991 for acquisition of Shed/Land, it may be stated that in the event of units proposing to set up units in the small scale sector, they would be permitted to do so within the parameters mentioned above.